

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF SPRING LITTERS AS COMPARED WITH 1921

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A net increase of 14.6 per cent in the number of young pigs produced this spring in the Corn Belt states is shown in a special pig survey just completed by the United States Department of Agriculture. This increase may overcome the present shortage of meat stocks, the department states.

The survey shows a gross increase of 22.8 per cent in the number of spring litters this year as compared with the number of litters born last spring, but the average number of pigs saved per litter is 7 per cent less than last spring. The April 1 brood sow report of the department indicated a net increase of 15.6 per cent in pig production this spring over last year.

The department points out that stocks of pork products other than lard in storage May 1 are 33 per cent less than the five-year average and 26 per cent less than a year ago. Lard stocks May 1 were 16 per cent less than the five-year average and 37 per

a year ago. The number of sows bred for fall farrowing shows an increase of 23 per cent over the number of sows which farrowed last fall. A total increase of 14 per cent in the number of litters for the year is indicated provided the intentions of farmers to produce fall pigs are carried out.

In the Southern states, including Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, an increase of 5 per cent in the number of spring litters is reported, but the total number of pigs saved is the same as last year on account of the smaller number of pigs saved per litter. These Southern states show an increase of 27 per cent in the number of sows intended to be bred for fall farrowing over last year, with a total prospective increase of 11 per cent in the number of litters for the year.

The survey is based upon about 200,000 schedules received from farmers in the Corn Belt states, which produce about 70 per cent of the pigs in the United States, and from farmers in the eastern and southern states. The schedules were distributed

CORN BELT STATES

Corn Belt States.	No. of litters first half of 1922 compared to first half of 1921.		No. of pigs saved per litter.		Total No. pigs saved first half 1922 compared to first half 1921.		No. of sows bred or to be bred to farrow fall of 1922 compared to No. of litters fall of 1921.	
	First half of 1921.	Last half of 1921.	First half of 1922.	Last half of 1922.	First half of 1922.	Last half of 1922.	First half of 1922.	Last half of 1922.
Ohio	116.8	6.9	6.6	6.8	110.2	131.7	131.7	131.7
Indiana	122.0	6.7	6.2	6.1	111.2	137.1	137.1	137.1
Michigan	122.3	7.1	6.5	6.3	108.3	148.2	148.2	148.2
Illinois	122.3	6.4	6.0	5.9	112.0	149.8	149.8	149.8
Wisconsin	119.5	6.5	6.2	6.0	101.8	141.2	141.2	141.2
Minnesota	122.3	5.8	5.6	5.2	109.6	149.3	149.3	149.3
Iowa	120.7	5.7	5.8	5.5	117.3	148.1	148.1	148.1
Missouri	126.0	6.6	6.3	5.9	113.2	144.4	144.4	144.4
Nebraska	126.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	121.0	159.7	159.7	159.7
Kansas	139.8	6.0	5.5	5.4	123.1	165.0	165.0	165.0
South Dakota	130.5	5.6	5.4	5.2	120.4	173.1	173.1	173.1
Corn Belt States	122.8	6.1	5.9	5.6	114.5	149.3	149.3	149.3
Eastern States.								
New York	102.3	8.2	7.8	7.4	92.7	124.0	124.0	124.0
Pennsylvania	107.3	7.2	7.0	6.9	100.9	125.3	125.3	125.3
Maryland	104.9	7.4	6.9	7.1	96.1	118.4	118.4	118.4
Eastern States	105.5	7.5	7.2	7.1	97.3	123.5	123.5	123.5
Southern States.								
Georgia	112.5	6.6	6.3	6.1	105.3	124.0	124.0	124.0
Alabama	100.0	6.3	6.0	6.0	96.4	124.4	124.4	124.4
Mississippi	100.5	6.2	5.8	6.0	97.5	124.6	124.6	124.6
Southern States	105.2	6.4	6.1	6.0	100.3	127.0	127.0	127.0

cent less than on May 1, 1921. Stocks of other meats are correspondingly low.

It is also pointed out that the survey covers numbers of hogs and not weight. The records show that the average weight of hogs marketed has varied as much as 34 per cent, or from 193 to 262 pounds, during the past five years. Many producers have found it profitable to market their hogs early at light weight before the usual run of heavy hogs later, the department says.

If farmers carry out their expressed intentions with respect to breeding for fall farrowings the total number of sows expected to farrow for the year, including spring and fall farrowings, will be 28 per cent larger than last year.

The survey indicates a prospective increase of 49 per cent in the fall farrowings in these states over last year. Last year fall farrowings represented 28 per cent of the total farrowings for the year, while this year they will probably represent 35 per cent. If the number of pigs saved per litter is as low as this spring, however, the prospective increase in number of pigs next fall will be materially reduced. The average number of pigs saved per litter, as reported for this spring, is 5.66 pigs, compared with 6.1 pigs last spring and 5.9 pigs last fall.

Smaller increases in East and South. The survey in Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland shows an increase of only 5 per cent in the number of litters for the first half of the year, while the total number of pigs saved shows a decrease of 3 per cent from

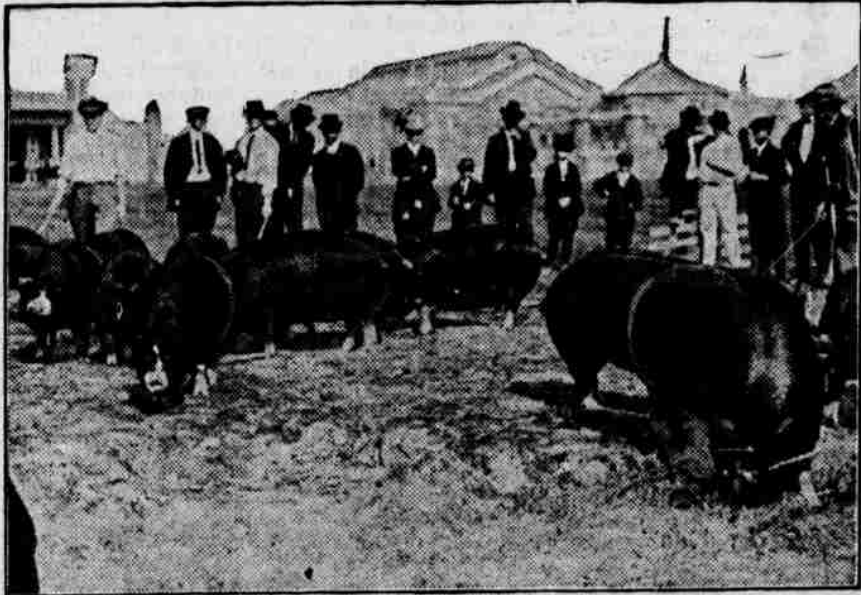
by rural mail carriers to 15 farmers on each rural mail delivery route. It is planned to make a similar survey in about six months which will be used as a check on the department's estimate, and also indicate the number of pigs to be produced in the spring of 1923. The figures in the present survey are given herewith:

PRODUCING CERTIFIED SEED

Many Potato Growers Will Be Disappointed Because of Raise in Requirements.

Probably as a result of the better price received last year for certified seed stock, Maine potato growers this year have listed more than 3,300 acres for inspection of representatives of the State Department of Agriculture. Many of these growers will be disappointed, however, because they have started with stock of no particular merit. Over a series of years an average of 47 per cent of the entries passed the seed-certification requirements, but this year the percentage will probably be lower. The mosaic standard has been raised. This year a field having as much as 5 per cent of mosaic disease is disqualified for producing certified seed. The best stock grown now is that from strains imported from the Canadian provinces within the last few years.

Source of Contamination. Unless properly cleaned and sterilized the milking machine is a likely source of contamination.



Swine Judging at a State Fair—Displays of Well-Bred Animals Competing for Honors Have an Important Influence in Improving Live Stock Industry.

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Seals.
The big fur-seal herd, numbering in the millions, now is migrating from the South Pacific to the Pribilof Islands, near Alaska. They make the trip each spring.

How do they know when to start and where to go?
Man's belief that seals have no brains is based on his ability to conquer, kill and turn them into expensive fur coats. If an animal appeared that man could not conquer, it would speedily be redited with intelligence.

The intellect appears to be a matter of vanity, measured by the ability to destroy.

A tusk of good African ivory sells for as much as \$350.

WHY LIBRARIANS LIKE JOB

Get Amusement Out of Singular Transformation of Book Titles in Memories of Readers.

The scholastic hush of the public library is seldom broken by a titter, but the librarianettes in the central circulation department have a steady refuge from hard work in the compilation of the singular transformations of book titles that take place in the memories of seekers for literary sweetness and light. Herewith is the latest unofficial bulletin, according to a New York Sun writer:

"Have you got Jack London's 'The Shout in the Woods?'" inquired a wistful young thing.

"The Shout in the Woods?" echoed the experienced librarianette. "Let me see. I'm sure I can find out which of his novels you mean. Oh, yes—Isn't it 'The Call of the Wild?'"

"That's what I said," murmured the wistful young thing—"The Call of the Wild."

Of course it's a pardonable slip to ask for Galsworthy's "For Rent" when you really want his "To Let." The difference is hardly worth mentioning. But it's really almost profane to demand: "The Autograph on the Breakfast Table."

Chicago to London.

A special train will carry freight from Chicago to New York in 48 hours, observes Capper's Weekly. This freight will be rushed aboard the great ship Majestic, the world's largest boat, built by the Germans and now operated by an English company, and if all goes well seven days after the freight is loaded in Chicago it will be unloaded in England. What would Columbus think if he could see this modern ship, says W. D. Boyce, according to Capper's Weekly. The Majestic crosses the Atlantic in about one-seventh of the time. It could carry the three ships Columbus used, his entire crew and 2,000 other passengers, to say nothing of the tons and tons of freight. Four hundred years hence they may read about our trying to send freight from Chicago to England in seven days, and wonder why we were so slow. Probably airships as big as the Majestic will be making the Chicago-London trip in one-seventh of today's time.

Finally Got Results.

"Was that anti-fat treatment your wife took any good?"

"No, it was a fake."

"But your wife looks thinner."

"She is. She worried so over losing her money that she lost flesh."

—Judge.

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